lakhs at the end of next year. I have already explained to the House how, with the use of charcoal gas for propelling the buses and with the opening of more lines next year, the scheme is expected to bring in substantial receipts.

Clay Refining and Porcelain Factory.

37. With a provision of Rs 1·34 lakhs for Ceramic works in the budget for the ensuing year, the total capital expenditure on the Factory as at the end of next year would be Rs 11·06 lakhs. The proposal to increase the productive capacity of the Factory with a view to enable the large orders already in hand being satisfactorily met, has already been adverted to. When the Factory is working in full swing, it is expected to yield a good profit.

Town Improvement Schemes.

38. The construction of the buildings opposite to the Government Museum for accommodating Public Offices has been completed during the year. The buildings have already been occupied and as a result there is a saving of over Rs 10,000 per year under rents on buildings hired for Public Offices.

A provision of Rs 1·53 lakhs has been included in the next year's budget for further improvements.

Water Supply Schemes.

39. This includes works for the supply of good drinking water to Shencottah, Nagercoil, Kuttanad, Sherthallai, Muttam, Kottayam, Kumarakam and Bhoothapandy as also for the extension of the existing Water-Supply at Trivandrum and Alleppey. As the members are well aware, the Alleppey Water Works have just been completed and water begun to be supplied. There remain only a few minor items of work for which provision has been made in the next year's budget. The water supply schemes for Shencottah and Nagercoil are nearing completion and it is hoped that before the close of the next year these two places will also be served with good drinking water. The other works are proposed to be taken up next year.

The maintenance of the Alleppey and Shencottah Water Works has to be undertaken by the Municipalities of those places in accordance with the agreement entered into between the Municipalities and Government.

Trivandrum Electric Supply.

40. The capital expenditure on this undertaking at the end of the current year is expected to stand at Rs 11·38 lakhs. There has been satisfactory progress both in generation and revenue during the

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